

it was agreed the A.C.W.W. plays an important part in this study by creating confidence and good fellowship among rural women. The support of the United Nations projects by A.C.W.W. members, and their deep and sincere interest in the specialized agencies, will keep the needs of the rural women of the world in the foreground and will result in improved family living in all parts of the world.

In the discussion of economic production, rapid industrialization and the problem of overproduction, it was the opinion that there was general mental, spiritual and emotional strain brought about by a rapid change from the tranquility of rural villages to the stress of modern conditions in industrial centres. It was felt that every effort should be made to develop agriculture to meet home requirements rather than attempt great industrial development in countries like Ceylon where 85% of the population is rural. Education in the spacing of families was suggested as a possible measure of relief from over-population.

Discussion on the means of preserving and sharing the best of the national cultures brought out the fact that research in some countries is going on in folk music and classical music of ancient times. The very best in handicrafts is being encouraged by women's organizations all over the world. From all countries stories were heard of how art was being encouraged, from the branch in England who had commenced a painting class for its members, to the Canadian Government who had allotted nine million dollars for further culture.

The findings in the discussion of the contribution of rural women's organizations toward their country's development included their cooperation with organized authorities in such

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#### INDEPENDENCE

By Elizabeth Ellen Long

Oh, wise is he who all his days  
Saves every lovely thing,  
Though it be common as the grass  
Or meadowlarks in spring;  
Who treasures every happiness  
Against the future's need,  
When he will have old bones to house,  
A hungry heart to feed;  
Who, well aware that no one yet  
Ever had too many  
Of Time's bright coins to spend, makes sure  
That he wastes no penny  
On shoddy things like bitterness  
And hate, for he will be  
His own man when the rest of us  
Are taking charity.

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Blessed are the loyal souls who work on bended knee,  
Or polish tops, or mangle clothes, or make a cup  
of tea,  
Who rise up early everyday and work in any weather  
And all to be a homemaker and keep the home  
together.

From "Forty Years Agrowing" by M. Viola Powell

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"A sharp tongue is the only edged tool that  
grows keener with constant use."

—Washington Irving

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ways as assisting in spreading information on health and other matters. In evaluating the services administered by governments, concern was expressed that in some instances too many special services are free. Experience has proved that things which are free are not valued as highly as those for which we pay. The emphasis should be on "self help," teaching people to help themselves.

Soil, trees and water all need good farming practices to keep them in order, but the greatest resource of any country is its people, was the main thought in the discussion on Conservation and Natural Resources. Where bush fires occur volunteer fire brigades have been set up and most valuable assistance in fire spotting is given by commercial pilots. Jungle land in Ceylon has been cleared and landless families settled into new houses.

#### Miscellaneous Reports and Appointments

Mrs. Linden Clark gave a résumé of her trip to Ceylon as one of the Ontario delegates. Mrs. L. Herbert reported the F.W.I.C. Conference and Mrs. Haggerty will have this report sent to the Institutes in one of her mailings. Mrs. Ewart Hunt and Mrs. E. V. Thompson gave reports of the F.W.I.O. tent at the plowing match and the Institute Holidays at Guelph and Kemptville. Mrs. Haggerty reported the first Ontario Conference on Aging, held in Toronto last June.

Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter gave a report of the meeting convened immediately after the F.C.W.I. Convention at which appointments were made. Mrs. James Haggerty was appointed a representative to the F.W.I.C. Board and to the Joint Planning Association. Mrs. MacPhatter was appointed to the Convener-ship of Home Economics and Health, Representative to the Canadian Welfare Council and Projects and to the Health League. Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard was appointed representative to the Royal Winter Fair Board.

Mrs. George Burkitt gave a comprehensive report of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. This report will be mimeographed and forwarded to branches. Mrs. L. G. Lymburner, reporting for the Hand Book Committee stated